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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
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*Ex parte* ARTHUR R. TILFORD

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Appeal 2007-0763  
Application 09/590,417  
Technology Center 2600

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Mailed: June 20, 2008

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Before KIMBERLY JORDAN, *Chief Trial Administrator*.

**ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL**

On April 6, 2005, appellant filed a Notice of Appeal. On September 7, 2006, appellant filed an Appeal Brief. On September 20, 2006, the Examiner's Answer was mailed to appellant. On November 8, 2006, appellant filed a Reply Brief, which the examiner noted on November 15, 2006. On January 16, 2007, a Docketing Notice from the Board was issued.

On February 19, 2008, appellant filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. The RCE will be treated as a request to withdraw the appeal. It is noted that the RCE has already been processed in the Technology Center and prosecution before the examiner is proceeding. This dismissal does not

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affect that process but serves as notice that the appeal is no longer pending before the Board.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the appeal filed on April 6, 2005, is dismissed.

If there are any questions pertaining to this dismissal, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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